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ACC Says Back To School January 14 Students Say NO

Dennis Fluet

When? Why? These simple words have become the most popular words to use on campus when one is talking about the changes that were made in the 1984-85 Academic Calendar. When the Academic Calendar was printed in the September 25th issue of the Strobe, it caused a lot of anger and was met by a group of students that were determined to see it changed. The bottom line of this whole situation is that the students are not fighting anyone, but rather are going to be working against a clause in a union contract.

In June of 1983, the faculty's contract expired, but the faculty continued to work under the conditions that were set by the previous contract. During the last week in February of 1984, the faculty ratified a new contract. Along with the ratification of the new contract came a new clause that would change the looks of future Academic Calendars. This new article states, "The faculty must have no less than 155 and no more than 160 instructional days." Before this article went into effect, there was no set standard or required amount of instructional days.

The process by which an Academic Calendar is developed usually takes place two years in advance when the President of Fitchburg State College makes a proposal for a calendar and sends it to the All College Council (A.C.C.). The A.C.C. adds any proposals it has and sends it through the Academic Policy Committee and its calendar subcommittee. The A.C.C.'s final proposal is sent back to the President. The President has the last say and either accepts or rejects any proposals from the A.C.C. This simple and yet complicated process was upset last spring when the set amount of instructional days was added to the new faculty contract.

The four students that led the fight against the late notification of the revised calendar are Charlotte Blaisdell, Deborah Hubbard, Ginnie Stahley, and Kris Barret. The four argued about the late notification, because plans for the change happened last year and the student body had only been notified about it just recently by looking at the printed Academic Calendar in the September 25th issue of the Strobe.



photo by Scott Sidel

At a meeting on October 10, the students discussed how the late notification had effected not just those that attended the meeting, but also how it effected everyone as a whole. They said that the late notification was upsetting students and faculty members that had already made plans for an expected four week long semester

break. The new three week semester break would upset work arrangements, vacation plans that were not refundable, and research time.

The students are now working towards changing the Academic Calendar and adding one more week back to the semester break. The students want to do this because of the premade

plans, but their main argument is for financial reasons. The students feel that the one extra week means everything in the world when it comes to financial troubles and school. "That extra week is very important and gives students the money that is needed for the necessities like books, food, rent, heat, and electricity." Continued on Page 3



FSC vs Division III

by Ricky LeBlanc

The FSC Football Team is still finding it difficult in Division III. With Five games behind them, the Falcons have yet to come home with a victory.

The Falcons have played their first four games on the road, their last being the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, Long Island, NY. The ASMMA game has been the best showing the Falcons have had. Though the score read 38-0 at the half, (USMMA's lead) the Falcons held them to a seven point second half, with the final score being 45-0.

The next week the Falcons returned home for the first time this season; the opponent was Norwich, a military academy from Vermont. The Falcons fell to a 51-0 defeat, but had some impressive plays. The special teams looked better than they've been all year. The

Falcons defense had a fine goal line stand only to have it end with a fourth down touch-down. Though the offensive unit had an impressive week of practice, they were plagued with fumbles on game-day. Norwich was a tough, prepared team and capitalized on all of the Falcon mistakes.

The Falcons have the toughest part of their schedule behind them and now look forward to teams which they can beat, with some hard work.

The Falcons had a week off after the Norwich game and play Forstburg College on the 20th. Then they have another week off and play their last home game against U. of Lowell on the 28th. The Falcons end the season the way they began it, on the road in New York, against Stoneybrook not Fordham, and hopefully with a win, not a loss.



Campus Crime

by Diane Gigliotti

Campus Police reported that during the 1983-84 school year, \$17,000 worth of campus property was stolen. This included 70 items from administration buildings and 12 items from the dormitories. Among the items found stolen were: cameras, stereos, phones, video machines, VCR recorders, car batteries, and wallets.

Police feel that many of these could have been avoided if safety measures had been followed

more closely. A total of 590 doors that should have been locked were found open in Administrative buildings, and 516 closed but unlocked doors. Police reported 312 open windows, and 144 unlocked windows in campus buildings. In the cases where theft occurred, there was usually no signs of forced entry, but the doors were "said" to be locked.

There are measures being taken to reduce these thefts by

campus police. For instance, locks have been changed, new key-control rules are in affect, and they have made appeals to staff to be more conscientious about locking up before they leave. Police made a total of 27,580 checks on buildings and cars; nearly twice as many as last year. They have also increased patrols.

Chief McDonald encourages students to take a more active role in preventing thefts also.

"Students should report things," McDonald said. "They should call in everything and let us determine if it's worthwhile." Student and staff cooperation in calling in suspicious people or cars could help prevent potential thefts.

It was also suggested that students and faculty never leave valuables unattended, never loan equipment or keys out to strangers, and always lock offices and desks where valuables are present.

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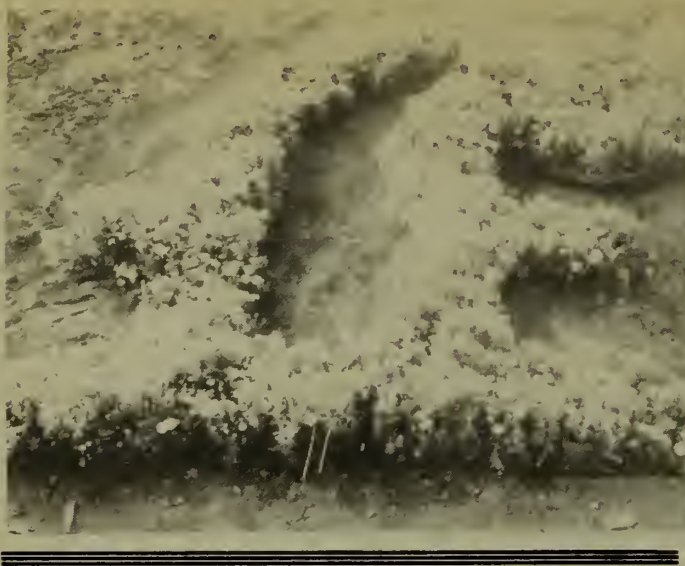


photo by Scott Sidel

SGA APPROVES NEW SCRIMSHAW EDITORS

by Eddie Holt

FSC's Student Government Association unanimously approved the applications of two Professional Writing students for co-editors of the 84/85 Scrimshaw on Oct. 2.

Cindy Paradis, a junior, and Ed Holt, a senior, have decided to share the duties as editor of the literary magazine.

Both students feel that the "Scrimshaw is a viable and necessary outlet for student literary and art works."

They also feel that their backgrounds as English majors (both are also staff writers for the Strobe and amateur poets) will benefit the Scrimshaw publication.

Paradis and Holt said they are willing to consider all works submitted by FSC students.

Both editors would like to see recognition for students in all individual art categories.

The new editors are working to establish committees to judge student submissions for possible cash awards.

The editors are asking for typed literary, art and graphic arts submissions. Submissions should contain the students name, address, FSC box# and year of graduation.

Submissions may be dropped off at the Scrimshaw office (located in the Strobe office in the Campus Activities Center) or in the student mail addressed to:

Ed Holt, box#3488 or
Cindy Paradis, box#5144
Submission deadline is
Dec. 3, 1984

Paradis and Holt are planning for an early spring publication.

Drinking age battle isn't over yet

Those who think a national 21-year-old drinking age will become a fact by 1986 may soon have to think again. Though federal legislation seems bent on forcing the states into adopting higher drinking age laws by withholding 10% of their federal highway tax money if they don't, a number of observers think some states won't comply. They'll be forfeiting big bucks if they refuse — a total of \$22 million for Wisconsin in 1986 and 1987, for example — but some analysts say the lost highway taxes will still be less than projected losses in taxes and fees associated with liquor sales.

For students, however, the point is justice, not money. Bob Bingaman, spokesman for the United States Student Association, says the law is patently wrong-headed and student associations across the country are gearing up to make their state

legislatures understand that. "On a gut level, I think it's a civil rights issue," he says. "How can you tell this group, 'You can vote. You can sue and be sued. You can marry. You can serve in the military, but you can't drink'? It's absurd!" Bingaman says his group and others are considering a constitutional challenge to the law in court. The 25th Amendment reserves control of alcohol to the states, and critics see the coming battle over the drinking age as a states' rights issue.

At the U. of Texas-Austin, Rodney Schlosser, student body president, says he expects the battle to break there in January. "I don't want to let the whole world know about all our bullets before we shoot them," he says, but suggests the students' general plan of attack will include lobbying, educational efforts, and the drafting of positive, alternative legislation.

There was a printing error in the article—"Dukakis Says..." of the Oct. 15 issue of the STROBE. The second column, third paragraph read,

when asked about the presidential race itself, the governor keenly replied "Vote early and as often as possible; and vote Republican!"

the story should have said Democrat instead of Republican

F.S.C. TO HOST 3-COLLEGE LEARNING LABORATORY

Students and faculty from Fitchburg State College, Boston University and Southeastern Massachusetts University will combine their marketing and management savvy on the Fitchburg campus on October 29, to improve strategies used in their individual marketing communications and management programs. They are calling it a "Learning Laboratory Environment Conference," and the result, the students and faculty hope, will better, more experienced graduates.

All three schools offer their students majoring in business or communications an opportunity to work in a "Learning Laboratory," a program which assists businesses with advertising, marketing, management

or accounting skills, while helping students gain practical, professional experience.

At Boston University the program is called AD LAB; at SMU, it's OMNI AID; while, Fitchburg State students prepare for the business world through Business Laboratories. Until now, the three programs have operated at their individual institutions of higher learning without contact with each other. However, on October 29, 1984, from 8:30am to 4:00pm at Fitchburg State College tomorrow's captains of industry will compare notes, relate experiences, examine each other's programs and decide what business skills graduates need to enter the working world.

There are only three major learning laboratories like this in the region," said FSC business

administration professor James T. Noonan. "The Learning Laboratory Environment Conference is an opportunity for our students to sharpen their abilities and to pave the way for others," he said.

"The conference - and the continued development of Learning Laboratories in our colleges and universities - are vital in preparing our students with a competitive edge as more and more young people seek careers in business." Noonan added that he sees the greatest growth in business occurring in the number of entrepreneurs. "The October conference can only fuel this movement," he said. "That's good for the economy of the region, the state, and ultimately for the whole country. It all starts here."

Can the AAC help you?

Photo by Jacqueline Masson



by Rossi, Linda

The Academic Advising Center is equipped and willing to offer workshops and to develop programs for faculty and students on campus. A goal of the center is to identify groups with common concerns to get these people together and to provide assistance in working on these concerns.

Academic issues handled by the AAC are: choosing a major, requirements for specific majors, strategies for meeting general education requirements as well as those of particular majors and graduation requirements. They also act as official advisors for upperclass undeclared majors. Students on probation and older returning students are also helped.

The AAC serves as a clearing house for applications to any major. For the competitive majors like Business Administration, Computer Science and Communications/Media, applications should be filed at the AAC. They then forward them to the appropriate departments.

Students have used the AAC to learn more efficient study habits. The method used is to listen to the student's existing approach to an assignment, then offer insights toward improvements. Help has been given in areas such as: outlining, scanning, using the text for

organization of material, note taking, budgeting time and building in self-rewards as part of the discipline. Workshops on any of these subjects would be developed upon student request. Besides improving study habits, a formal group has evolved from its interaction through the center. That group calls itself MARS.

MARS is a support group for older returning students whose needs are different than those of the traditional student. These needs include: two career families, returning veterans, time management, mid-life career change, child care, support and academics.

The AAC also refers students to other resource available on campus, such as the Counseling Center, the Skills Center, the Career Center and specific academic departments. Faculty members sometimes serve as advocates for students with difficult problems by accompanying them or by acting in the student's place.

Four faculty members work at the AAC as part of their teaching role. It is a voluntary position which has been approved by the administration to count as one fourth of the professors' employment requirement. Each volunteer can serve for two years and is then most often replaced by another faculty member. Currently, the staff consists of: Kav Flvnn.

Associate Professor/Special Education; Mary Ann Hanley, Professor/Psychology; and Cynthia Tower, Assistant Professor/Behavioral Sciences. Dean Christine Cosgrove oversees the administrative activities of the center, while Richard Spencer oversees the faculty's involvement. Four work-study students work part-time in the office: Karen Blaise, Christine Carco, Leonard Dunleavy and Lori Harbron.

The AAC was started in the late 1970s to provide a physical place for faculty and students to get academic assistance. Originally located in Edgerly Hall, the office moved into room 115 of Thompson Hall last year. The office is open from 9:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday. Except for Friday afternoons, one faculty member is always present. A work-study student is present during all open hours to offer assistance and handle basic information questions.

Except for the busiest times (like registration week, the last week for drop/adds and the last day to withdraw from courses), walk-ins are invited. If the faculty member is with someone else, you can wait or make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Faculty and students interested in learning more about these academic resources can contact the Academic Advising Center. They are there for you. (Yes, you!)

WOMEN DISCUSS HEALTH ISSUES

by Jan McCloud

With a predominantly female crowd in attendance, two women sat together at a table in the front of the auditorium, and talked about the need for women to educate themselves about their own bodies and to support each other as they learn.

Norma Swenson and Judy Norsigian, co-authors of *Our Bodies Ourselves*, opened a series of talks and workshops dealing with women's health and social issues with their lecture on support groups on October 4, 1984.

This series, titled *Women in Today's Society*, is being sponsored by the Montachusett Community of Women. The

next event will be a day-long succession of workshops on December 8 at FSC in the G-Rooms from 11:30-5:00pm.

"What we're really here to talk about is supporting women," Swenson announced in her opening statement. "Feelings of isolation, more than anything else, seem to keep women from taking an active part in their health care," she added. "The feeling that you are the only one with this problem. This is not helped by the medical community, which actually trains doctors to deal with women in a condescending way."

Norsigian stated, "Women use medical services twice as much as men do (for their children and aged parents, as

well as themselves), and approximately 80,000 medical workers in America are women. Yet most of the decisions concerning the training and competence of doctors are still made by men."

They presented guidelines for organizing a support group, and gave many suggestions, such as; women with premenstrual syndrome, infertility, breast cancer, menopause, and Lupus (a debilitating disease that effects twice as many women as men) to name a few.

Anyone who is interested in future segments of the series, or in joining the Montachusett Community of Women can contact Helena Semergian at 582-4609.

WOMEN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

December 8

Women's Health Issues

Subjects include Infertility, Birth Control, Abortion, Midwifery, Sexually Transmitting Diseases, Breast Cancer, Dealing with Doctors, G-Rooms, 11:30-5:00 pm

February 7

Women & Power

Adrienne Dorfman
Conlon Auditorium, 7-9 pm

April 24

Women & Aging

Paula Doress and Diana Siegal
Conlon Auditorium, 7-9 pm

May 9

Women Launching Businesses II

Conlon Auditorium, 7-9 pm

FSC Free Service Returns \$250,000 to Community

The Montachusett Economic Center (MEC) of Fitchburg State College reports that projects completed in 1984 provided free marketing assistance valued at nearly a quarter of a million dollars for its clients in North Central Massachusetts.

MEC provides a local business and non-profit agencies with marketing and research services, utilizing college faculty, students and facilities in FSC's Business Administration program.

It was founded in 1980 by FSC President Vincent J. Mara using funds raised by the college in its Private Edge fund-raising campaign.

The MEC projects in 1983-1984 included studies for a local bank, a regional shopping mall, an amusement park, a center for the arts, an industrial photographer, industrial development commission, intown retail district, a community hospital, and many others.

The MEC study process, according to FSC Professor Ann Bogojavlensky, who directs the center, involves meetings with clients to determine the scope

of their marketing needs and study objectives, development of questionnaires, polling of potential customers and users, an analysis of collected data using social science computer models and the writing and delivery of a written report.

The MEC client usually pays only for travel, computerization, typing, printing and other costs incidental to complete the project. The faculty and student services are provided at no cost.

However, using a standard cost accounting model, Professor Bogojavlensky said the college keeps track of the value of the free services.

"During the last financial year, July 1, 1983 - June 30, 1984, the value of these services was nearly a quarter of a million dollars," she said.

President Mara said the college raised \$400,000 from corporations and individuals in the area between 1980 and 1983 to fund the Montachusett Economic Center and four other enrichment programs, including cultural programs, research activities, merit scholarships, and lecture programs.

"The accounting MEC has been keeping suggests that the

return on the community's investment in all these enrichment activities will be very high indeed," said Dr. Mara.

The college is currently conducting a second fund drive seeking to raise additional support for these programs and others over the next several years, he said.

"The money we raise will remain small in comparison to the benefits the community will reap," he said, "because the funds act as a lever to direct existing state resources and the energy of students and faculty towards community issues."

Students Stampede to the Right

by Michael Wagg

1984 the year of another Presidential election, where the medium is the message and Orwellian prophecies lurk behind the counters of fast food restaurants. A year in which college students amazingly flock to support Ronald Reagan. This phenomenon is ironic since it was the college community in the 1960's that led the anti-war movement

Now in the apathetic 1980's where progressive idealism has transformed into lethargic selfishness young people myopically support a Ronald Reagan for President. In a recent poll published by USA TODAY 67% of people age 18 to 24 supported President Reagan and a pitiful 18% supported Walter Mondale. In this age group not all are in college naturally but on college campuses across the country there is a prevailing flow to the right in politics.

In this new rush to support Ronald Reagan college students are becoming disturbingly more intolerant of other viewpoints. At the University of Southern California in September Walter Mondale was heckled by hundreds of students. The Boston Globe reported, "The USC heckling, by several hundred students appeared staged". At the University of Texas Geraldine Ferraro was hooted and heckled by a large crowd of students. She told them that the Reagan record was nothing to cheer about. These rude demonstrations are not new on college campuses, for both Democrats and Republicans. UN Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick was ruthlessly cut down last year at a Harvard speaking engagement.

Even here at FSC I have noticed some students who are appallingly conservative. During the Ferraro/Bush debate a "fellow" student hostilely confronted me because I made a

comment on one of Vice-President Bush's remarks. This student was personally affronted because I was "going against Bush" he said. Now I am glad to see another student interested in the election, but for someone who is in college there was no hint of open-mindedness whatsoever.

It's one thing supporting a political candidate with good intentions but when people fail to discuss in a rational manner why they support that person, especially in college, then what are we really here for. If students would take more time to read about the issues, or even for a few minutes a day watch a newsbroadcast they might see better that the President and the Republican platform is not in their best interests at all. As John Lennon once said, "nobody told me there would be days like these". An unfortunate but very pertinent epithet to the 1980's era.

Student Aid Still Available

Once again Fitchburg State College has been fortunate to receive funding for the Massachusetts Educational Employment Program (M.E.E.P.). This will allow us to award additional financial assistance to our students.

On order to be considered for M.E.E.P. funds, a student must have a completed financial aid file, a demonstrated need, and the job placement must somehow be related to his/her major.

This program is not intended to be a replacement for the College Work Study Program, but rather to add additional students to the college work force.

Applications for M.E.E.P. are available in the Financial Aid Office. If you meet the criteria listed above, or want to know more about the program please stop by the Financial Aid Office. Please remember it will be the responsibility of the student to secure his/her own job.

Students Say NO

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The students brought up that the school should also look at this financially, because the college will have to deal with an added week of heating and fuel bills. "The added week could put a financial burden upon the college, because the buildings and facilities would have to be heated for an extra week during one of the coldest times of the year."

Dr. Barry Light, Chairman of the A.C.C. felt that the A.C.C. members were not aware of the problems that would arise from the shortened break. Dr. Light said, "The members were not aware of the discontent or objections that would come from the students over the shortened time."

The students are now working on a proposal for a change in the Academic Calendar. Their proposal suggests that a week could be added back to the semester break if a week was added on at the end of the spring sem-

ester. This would put graduation on June 2, 1985 and this would mean the faculty would show up to graduation on a voluntary basis, because under the new contract their last work day is on May 31. The students feel that this could be done, because that is how next year's Academic Calendar will work out.

Dr. Light felt that moving graduation up one week would not be that great of a problem to deal with and could be one possible solution. "As far as I'm concerned, moving graduation would make it a little difficult, but that is a minor problem that could be dealt with."

The students' proposal must be handed into the A.C.C. before November 7 so that it could be placed on the Agenda for the A.C.C.'s next meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 1984. The meeting will take place in the Hammond Building in room G06.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & FSC CREATE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

To meet the educational needs of the business community, the Chamber of Commerce and the Fitchburg State College Continuing Education Department have created an Institute for Business and Professional Development.

The Institute will offer a wide variety of seminars and workshops to help business people sharpen their skills or learn new ones. The areas of study range from computer programming to marketing, to public speaking and more. Programs will begin in January of 1985.

Instructors for the programs will be experienced professionals from the business community and college professors,

but plans are underway to recruit national specialists in a variety of areas.

David L. McKeehan, president of the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce, and Vincent J. Mara, president of Fitchburg State College, formally signed a cooperative agreement last month. "This Institute is an example of how we seek to fulfill the college's mission as an active partner in the community," said Dr. Mara. "The expertise from business community and the college can be a powerful force in the Montachusett region. "Approximately thirty-five non-credit courses will be offered by the Institute in its

first year. Classes will be held at the Chamber office and the college.

Class subjects tentatively scheduled include interviewing techniques, marketing communications for small businesses, inventory control, tele-marketing, robotics, data processing, technical writing, and productivity through quality circles.

Classes will range from half-day workshops to classes held one evening a week over several weeks.

A list of all programs with their fees and schedules will be available to the public in November.

Reagan vs Mondale: Round One



by Cindy Paradis

President Ronald Reagan and Walter Mondale met head on in the political ring on Sunday Oct. 7 in Louisville, Kentucky. Both opponents verbally pummeled one another with Mondale ridiculing Reagan's \$263 billion deficit and Reagan criticizing Mondale's proposal for cutting the budget.

The two contenders for the '84 presidential race debated heatedly over a range of domestic affairs. Mondale looked to the future while Reagan referred to his past four years in office.

The most attacked topic of the evening was the deficit. Mondale called solving the problem "a test of leadership" and opted for a balanced program for long-term growth. Reagan avoided any specifics of how he would cut the budget, however he insisted that he would raise taxes only if necessary.

The issue of social security continually weaved in and out of

the debate with Mondale taking every opportunity to point the finger at his opponent for the cuts in social security and medicare benefits. Most agreed that this particularly put the President on the defensive. "There you go again," was a familiar statement made by Reagan.

The pair were asked if they considered themselves "born-again Christians" and while both declined the title, each separately affirmed his belief in God. "I have the firmest possible belief in God" said Reagan. Mondale accounted, "I have sung at more weddings and funerals than anyone who has sought the presidency."

Reagan was asked why as President he does not attend Church. His answer was to discourage any occurrences such as the Lebanon attacks.

The controversy of abortion brought out opposing views between the debaters. Reagan said that he considers abortion murder and against the constitution. Mondale impressed that abortion should be "a personal and private decision."

Reagan favors a constitutional amendment making abortion illegal "until and unless someone can establish that the unborn child is not a living human being." The only excep-

tion to this amendment would be if the mother's life is in danger.

Mondale stressed pro-choice noting that the amendment would rule out abortion in rape or cases of incest. "Every individual instance is different" he stated. Mondale feels that such a ruling would revert women of lower income to having 'back alley abortions'.

When asked "the most outrageous thing said by your opponent", Mondale made no specific remark while Reagan laughed "that I am the villain pulling the social security checks".

Both agreed the one question wanted asked and answered was that of the federal deficit.

In his summation speech, Reagan reached back to the 1980 debate and asked, "Is America better off than it was four years ago?" His reply: "I think that the answer is yes." The President feels that, as in the words of Thomas Paine, "We have it in our power to begin again."

Mondale concluded by asking "Will we be better off?" His emphasis lay on the future, reminding the nation that we must face problems and solve them, not leave them to "our children and grandchildren."

NEED FOR TUTORS

The AID Program is looking for students who are qualified to tutor courses in their majors. Preference will be given to students with grades of 3.5 or better in the course they intend to tutor. We are particularly interested in establishing a pool of tutors from the Business Administration, Communications, and the Computer Science/Nursing/Med Tech disciplines. If interested, please contact Earscelle Wilkerson in Room 308 Hammond.

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Money Troubles? Check the Job Board

by Nancy Sullivan

Are you worried about paying for next semester's books or tuition? How about buying gifts for the upcoming holidays? Or maybe you just need some extra spending money, to get you through the semester. Well, if these are pertinent concerns for you, check the Career Services, part-time job board, located in G-lobby of the Hammond Building.

Since last January, the Career Services Center has received an average of 20 calls per week, from area businesses and institutions. Employers are looking for students to fill part-time positions in sales, bookkeeping, retailing, banking, delivery, envelope-stuffing and cleaning. The Center also receives calls

from individuals, who are looking for students to rake leaves, paint, baby-sit, or clean house.

Employers or individuals simply contact the Career Services office, and describe the job and application process. The job is then posted on the bulletin board in the campus center. Once a student sees a job, which he or she is interested in, he calls the employer and sets up an interview.

The students of Fitchburg State provide a major source of employment to the businesses and individuals in this area. Employers realize that students looking for part-time jobs are willing to work hard. So if you are looking for the answer to your financial problems check the job board. The answer may be a phone call away.

Blank tape trouble at NIU

Controversy over a reporter's right to tape record a public meeting at Northern Illinois U. may soon have the state's attorney suing the university on behalf of the student newspaper, The Northern Star.

NIU's legal counsel agrees reporters have the right to tape public meetings, but Associate Provost Lida Barrett apparently doesn't. On Sept. 6, she confiscated and erased the tape a reporter was making of a meeting of NIU's Council on Instruction which Barrett was chairing, saying she felt tape recording would alter the discussion.

Barrett's action spurred an angry reaction from the Northern Star's editor Marke Bonne. "We are not going to let Lida Barrett bully our reporters," he said the next day. "Actions like Lida Barrett's aren't just damaging this newspaper, they're damaging every person on campus by trying to deprive them of the news. She's one big bad bag of PR for the university."

Since then the battle lines have softened. A civil, rather than criminal, complaint has been drawn up, but the suit has not yet been filed. Instead, the Star, the state's attorney John Gallagher, and NIU's counsel George Shur have entered into private negotiations aimed at drafting an agreement controlling relations between the paper and NIU on open meetings.

Bonne isn't happy with the outcome of those meetings so far, and insists he won't settle for anything less than the Star might have expected to win in court. But the fact that he's negotiating at all has irritated at least one staff member in the journalism department.

Mary Ann Whitcomb, supervisor of the news writing lab, says the whole thing is a freedom of information issue, and that, "No newspaper should sign any agreement with an institution it's covering."

It was Whitcomb who first advised reporters to use tape recorders in covering Lida Barrett after Barrett repeatedly complained she was misquoted by the Star's reporters. "Miss Barrett is a person who likes to go into a meeting and shoot her mouth off, but not have it be fore the record," says Whitcomb. Barrett has frequently ridiculed and harassed student reporters, she says, repeatedly calling one, who she charged had misquoted her, "little miss 'star' reporter." And, says Whitcomb, on Sept. 18, in the midst of the furor over the first incident, Barrett again challenged a reporter's right to tape an open meeting of the Admissions Policy and Academic Standards Committee.

Barrett was unavailable for comment.

Whitcomb believes NIU officials would like to declare policy-making committees "advisory," since their decisions have to be approved, and, thus, be able to close most committee meetings on campus at will. "We're sitting on a precedent here," she says. But George Shur denies there's any such plot afoot. He says the negotiations amount to settling out of court.

Talks with Shur have shaken Mark Bonne's confidence in the Star's case. He won't discuss the meetings, but NIU's chief defense appears to be that the erased tape wasn't forcibly taken from the reporter, but simply surrendered. George Shur comments: "The issue isn't whether a reporter has a right to tape a meeting; it's whether they were prevented by being dragged kicking and screaming from the room." As a student advisor said the day after the incident, "If I was in the reporter's shoes, I would have put up a little resistance."

Asked if he's requested a special assistant to handle work generated by Lida Barrett, Shur chuckled, "No comment."



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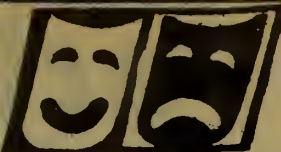


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NOIZY BOYZ/FORCED VALUES AT THE PUB

by Judith Baron

At first you really couldn't tell, but by the end of the night, you realized that most of the people in the pub Sept. 29, were there to see the back up band to The Noizy Boyz—Forced Values—a group comprised of FSC students and alumni. The show started late, but the crowd did not mind, once Forced Values took to the stage with alumnist/lead singer Mark Quigley—ready to belt out his lyrics. Most of the band's material consisted of songs, written by Quigley, Bob Page (keyboardist), and Steve Cote (rhythm guitarist), but they did cover the Clash's "Janie Jones" and Peter Dinklage's "Perfect Wave." Their originals included the monotonous "Pageantry", "Ska Beach", a song heard on our own WFRC, "Tamarac", and "Field of View". The vivaciousness of this band did not go unnoticed. The crowd loved the band and danced to the beat of the music as if they had heard these tunes so many times before.

The members of Forced Values are: Mark Quigley, lead singer; Craig "Blade" Rushford; Steve Cote, rhythm guitarist; George Lanadees, bass guitar; keyboardist, Bob Page; and drummer Billy Lee. The band has performed twice before the Pub night. Last

semester Forced Values played at Saima Park. This performance in the pub was fun and up-beat.

After Forced Values completed their 50-minute long performance, The Noizy Boyz hit the stage in what seemed to be a struggle to out-do Forced Values. Though the two bands have such diverse qualities (from their music to their style of dress) The Noizy Boyz seemed uncertain as to how the FSC crowd would react to them. The Noizy Boyz are more popular and have had more exposure than Forced Values, but it seemed unanimous that mostly everyone enjoyed Forced Values—for their music, style and the good time it supplied them. The crowd dwindled by at least half while The Noizy Boyz performed. Their garb was colorful and outlandish. The lead singer would remind you of Billy Idol—their arm gestures are very similar. Because the members of Forced Values are FSC students and alumni, their popularity outscored that of The Noizy Boyz. An enjoyable evening was in store and it certainly was had. What is in store for The Noizy Boyz? This year they are releasing their first album. Meanwhile Forced Values will be striving for more exposure.

CURRIER AND IVES AT FSC

A collection of 22 original Currier & Ives prints is being exhibited from October 15 through November 19 at Fitchburg State College's Campus Center Art Gallery. An opening reception was held on October 15 at 7:00pm free of charge, at the College's Campus Center Art Gallery.

The display is one of a series of fourteen collections of rare prints now being shown throughout the United States and Canada. Assembled by the Travelers Insurance Companies, the exhibit at Fitchburg

State College was arranged in cooperation with The Travelers.

The colorful prints, selected from one of the most comprehensive collections in existence, portray America during the mid-nineteenth century. They depict both rural and urban scenes as well as historical events of political or social importance.

The Campus Center Art Gallery at Fitchburg State College is open to the public 8:00am to 6:00pm weekdays, and 2:00pm to 6:00pm weekends.

Assemble to the ensemble.



Attention Music Lovers! The Fitchburg State College Band and Jazz Ensemble, directed by Frank Patterson, are once again looking forward to another fulfilled semester of musical activities and festivals.

These groups have performed for Convocation in September and are once again sponsoring an Intercollegiate Band Festival to be held on Wednesday evening, November 14, at 7:30pm in Weston Auditorium. This event will feature bands from colleges and universities throughout New England.

The Jazz Ensemble rehearses on Wednesday evenings, from 4-5:30pm, in Weston Auditorium or the Band room (Conlon 157) and the Band rehearses on Wednesday evenings, from 6-8:00pm in Weston Auditorium or the Band room. (Conlon 157)

We are always looking for new players to fill vacant positions

and expand our band membership. Players on all levels of ability are welcome.

The Jazz Ensemble is in need of trumpets this year as well as a few trombones (2), saxophones (Tenors), and a guitar player. The Band is in need of a french horn, baritone horn, tuba, or any type of a percussion player.

So as you can see, new members are needed and always welcome. We hope that you will be able to join us for our next rehearsal on Wednesday evening in Weston Auditorium. We need your musical talent!

Band officers for 1984-85 include: Sharon Peaslee, President; Betty Lou Bernhardt, Vice President; Marilyn Mueller, Secretary; Linda Conway, Treasurer; Laura Gengo, Publicity; Nancy McCarthy and Marianne Seeley, Librarians; and Craig Rushford and Lois Westerback, Managers.

Gold in Lunenburg?

by Deborah Kulkula

The Incognito Diner struck edible gold at Michael's on Massachusetts Avenue in Lunenburg recently. The food was homemade, prepared and served well, and it appeals to all of the senses. He gave the food three and a half stars.

The decor is a cross between country and rustic that presents a very comfortable atmosphere. ★★

The service was excellent. ★★★★★ The low music and candles on each table gave Michael's a romantic background.

There was a full supply of liquor. At night the entrees including the salad bar running from \$8.95 to \$13.95. During the luncheon hours the entrees run from \$3.95-\$5.95; the soup and salad bar costs \$3.95, and the sandwiches, perfectly prepared to your instruction, are priced at \$2.60-\$3.95.

The desserts are homemade, reasonably priced and a specialty cake can be served, by reservation, at your table. So take your favorite person, bring your wallet and wish that person a Happy Whatever Day. You may see the Incognito Diner, but don't let on that you know who he is. Happy Dining!

Restaurant Review —first aid

The "Incognito Diner" will be covering several restaurants in the Fitchburg/Leominster area. Some reviews will be comparisons of particular types, as in Chinese.

He plans to cover these: Black Horse II, Crestfield, Folsom's Chowder House, Duk-in, George's Place, Sam Malone's, Il Camino, JR's Place, Monty's Graden, Rendezvous, Red Checker, Scampi's, Slattery's Back Room, Tweed's, Dan Chan's, Double Dragon, Cathay Island, and Singapore. Suggestions will be considered very carefully and if possible used. Please leave your suggestions at the Strobe office.

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OUTSTANDING DISC JOCKEY

by Maureen Ford

KENT EARL

Class of 1985

Major: Communications (T.V.)

Ambition: To work in production house in Boston.

Dislikes: Long lines, lima beans.

Likes: Being outdoors, cycling

Idol: Any producer of nightly news

Fav. Song: Carry on my wayward son

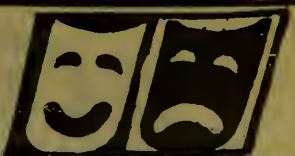
Fav. Group: Yes, Van Halen. But I don't feel that my favorite group is not popular on campus, I won't play it on my show.

Quote: One thing that I strive for is to be honest and to be regarded as an honest person. (Kent Earl)

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MacBeth—Ancient Horror vs. Modern Horror

by Steve Hachey

As an incoming freshman to Fitchburg State College, I was unaware of the institution's Performing Arts Series. Before long, I noticed advertisements for the National Shakespeare Company production of MacBeth in the lobbies, and on the commuter cafeteria tables. Feeling curious, I decided to check out the show and strengthen my cultural background as well.

Before I even reached the door of Weston Auditorium, a gloomy feeling came over me as if I were going to be subjected to much evil and gore. Then, to my surprise, I came across a theater filled with people which were every exciting. But soon after the production started, the gloom was back and immediately I felt as if I were watching a modern horror film. What I experienced for roughly two hours did in fact compare with many of the horror shows I have seen in recent years.

Bright lights and explosions framed the opening scene of Scotland around 1040 A.D. in which MacBeth and Banquo, after returning from a victory over the Norwegian army, were

met by the ill-fated three witches. "MacBeth, Thane of Cawdor, and king hereafter," they coaxed. From the outset, an evil tone was relevant as in any decent horror picture. "Fair is foul, and foul is fair," set MacBeth's chain of being thus involving him in the black and evil world of the witches.

What I found interesting about the play is that the main character, MacBeth, is also the monster, whereas in many horror shows, there's a monster and main characters try to do away with such creatures. From my point of view, MacBeth's type of character adds strength to the story because more evil emotion and dialogue are given.

Leading into the scene in which King Duncan is to arrive at MacBeth's castle, the second main evil element, Lady MacBeth, was at work on her husband. All kinds of great evil interactions took place between the two. Lady MacBeth's plan was to kill Duncan, with the help of her husband, and then capture the crown. How evil and disgusting a thought, but it's good horror. These same kind of thoughts make for today's evil productions.

All right, evil talk in one thing, but everyone wants to see some blood, right? Imagine the possessed MacBeth driving a sharp dagger through the body of that nice old king. In my opinion that's pretty gross. However, imagination was in fact needed to picture such a scene. But when MacBeth returned to his wife after the dastardly deed with blood dripping hands and dagger, I thought the audience could picture the graphic scene just from frightened reactions around me. Today, no imagination is required because all the gore is in full detail and color. Critically, I feel that's a fault with modern horror pictures, but those episodes get people on the edge of their seats, and as a result sell more tickets.

So MacBeth became king and Malcolm and Donalbain fled to England for safety. Guilt then set in and started consuming the king and queen. That type of reaction can still be found in modern horror shows, but more often than not the monster is not capable of feeling guilt; another flaw of recent gore shows. At least in MacBeth there's a sign of hope for the king and queen by showing

some positive human emotions. On the other hand, in later horror movies such as Friday the Thirteenth and Halloween, I only wished the monsters, Jason and David, would be killed and done with. I didn't feel quite so harshly in respect to MacBeth and Lady MacBeth.

The last half hour of MacBeth marked both a decline and the climax. At one point during that time span I almost fell asleep. Then, MacBeth in a fury of rage cut the throat of Fleance and blood squirted across the stage. By that time, MacBeth was a cold blooded murderer like Jason and David, whereas his wife was totally consumed with wrongdoing and took her own life. The coming of Birnam Wood to Dunsinane also added an excellent evil tone near the end. Finally, MacDuff, the man ripped from his mother's womb, took justice on MacBeth by cutting off his head. In this case, the good guy prevailed. That's not always so in today's horror films.

From reading my views, it might seem obvious that I prefer the plot of MacBeth to plots of modern horror entertainment. Well, history speaks for itself. I wonder if Friday the Thirteenth and Halloween will be around in four centuries?

Comedy Workshop

by Pamela S. Freedman

In their Comedy Workshop, two of the actors from the National Shakespeare Company explained four different types of humor Shakespeare typically uses in his plays. They are: Bawdy - dirty jokes, character humor - funny people, situation comedies - sit-coms, and wit - word play or puns.

The players acted out various parts of Twelfth Night and asked the audience which type of humor they were displaying. A few courageous volunteers helped to act out selected scenes.

Oriental Rugs and Sculpture

by Ruth C. Smith

The Fitchburg Art Museum presently has on exhibit two fascinating art collections, Oriental rugs and tapestries, and a stunning display of contemporary sculpture.

The Oriental rugs on loan from private collectors were hand woven and hand knotted in Iran, Persia, India and China. They have been given the names of towns in which they are woven, such as Kirman, Tabriz, Chados and Beluchi. Each rug has a pattern in various colors and depicts scenes such as a pastoral portrait of the ruined mosque of Ardeal with the four seasons artfully placed showing the Fall harvest in the foreground.

Some rugs portrayed connections between kings of ancient civilizations of Persia and the more recent seventeenth and eighteenth century shahs of Iran.

The tapestries vary in design and intricacy. A Kalim tapestry 6' x 10' takes up to nine months to weave, the more knots per square inch, the more valuable the rug becomes. Value also increases with age. An Oriental carpet appreciates twenty percent every ten years.

The Oriental collection features numerous prayer rugs and saddle bags. A popular decoration for a prayer rug is the tulip and carnation. Colors are exquisite, however, green is very seldom found in a prayer rug because green is considered holy by Moslems.

Rugs from the Caucasus often contain stylized animals, and are not easily recognized as animals. One must look closely and carefully to discern them, as they sometimes have distorted appendages.

An "incredibly beautiful tapestry woven in Iran depicts President John F. Kennedy done in muted tones of taupe and gray accented by black and white. It is a favorite with visitors."

On the first floor of the museum there is an exhibit of contemporary sculpture in such traditional media as bronze, marble, stone, clay and wood. The exhibition, "Aspects of the Human Form Explored in Sculpture," was organized by Ursula Pitman and includes the works of twenty four artists from Massachusetts.

The styles and forms portrayed by the artists are as different and varied as the media used. Antoinette P. Schultz' Young Girl, is a life-size statue in bronze. The expression of the

figure is girlish and coy, legs slightly apart, arms akimbo.

Lu Stubbs' Curled Woman is also life-sized. A bronze and steel figure lies relaxing in a hammock, arms curled around her head with a completely naturalistic expression on the face.

David Kapetanopoulos used wood for his statue, The Athlete. The figure is polished to a high gloss accentuating the muscular form of the body.

Penelope Jencks' larger than life female figure, molded in clay, reclines naked on a bed of sand. Ms. Jencks spared no detail in her work of art, each beauty and flaw plainly visible.

The sculpture will be at the museum until November 4, the Oriental rugs through December 30.



Photo by K. Beck



Photo by Kim Beck

The Fitness Challenge

by Cindy Paradis

Jim Willard of Fitchburg's Nautilus Fitness and Rehabilitation Center has a challenge for all weightlifters at F.S.C. "Come down and try it out, if you're tough enough." Why not take Jim up on it? And not just weightlifters either.

The Center, located at 1470 John Fitch Highway, offers a fast and efficient way to build muscles and tone-up the body. It has 20 nautilus machines, 4 exercycles, a cross country ski machine, a whirlpool and saunas.

This particular nautilus center was established in 1983, but the history of nautilus dates back 15 years ago when Arthur Jones developed a nautilus prototype in 1969. Jones sold his hand made machines to various health clubs and, in turn, started his own health club.

The eight major pieces of equipment to use when beginning nautilus are divided into two categories: upper body and lower body.

The upper body equipment consists of the super pullover,

the super lower back, the double shoulder machines which includes the lateral raise and overhead press, the 10-degree chest and the 4-way neck machine.

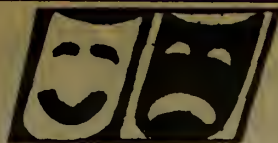
The lower body equipment consists of the duo squat, the hip abductor and the hip adductor.

Jim, an instructor at the club with 18 years of weight training experience explains, "Nautilus works you aerobically. It's the hardest form of training, including free weights, when done properly. You're not supposed to enjoy it either. If you're enjoying it, you're not doing it right. The mind should be set for it."

The benefits of nautilus include "increased flexibility and strength." Jim notes that "you don't have to train to use nautilus" and all that's needed to tone-up is "one-half hour, three times a week."

The Nautilus Fitness and Rehabilitation Center offers F.S.C. students special rates. One month is \$35 and three months is \$100.

So why not go down and join? Jim will be expecting you.



FACE to FACE

SATURDAY OCT. 27



The Burning Bed

by Linda Rossi

The T.V. movie, "The Burning Bed," showed the domestic violence that a battered woman encountered and her children witnessed.

Nightcast, the following program, gave statistics and hot line numbers for women to call for help and advice.

Alias Farrah Fawcett's motivation for staying in the household appeared to be her "duty" as wife and mother. Reinforcement for this decision came from her mother's statements: "You made your bed, now lay in it" and "It's not so bad, is it?" Her mother-in-law also made her feel guilty each time she tried to leave after being beaten. Poverty also kept her trapped in this environment.

She applied for a grant for college and received it. School allowed her to temporarily escape from her homelife and give her hope that she could eventually change the situation by having an income. Her husband ripped her class notes, tore pages from her text book and forbade her from going to school. Again she felt helpless.

Fear and desperation forced her to seek aid from a social agency. To guaranty her safety

and get welfare money to support her children, she divorced her husband. He pursued her however, and was eventually involved in a serious automobile accident. Duty again led her back into the same dreadful situation.

One night after beating her and forcing her to go to bed with him, her husband fell asleep from drunkenness. She took this opportunity to escape with the children, and knowing that he would pursue her, poured gasoline around the bed and ignited it. As she and the children drove away, they all saw the house burning.

She was arrested for the act but eventually was judged "not guilty" due to temporary insanity.

The issue of battered women is examined very well and several questions are left unanswered:

- 1) Are all 1.8 million battered American women living with alcoholic men?
- 2) What long-term emotional problems do children reared in this type of environment have and what is being done for them?
- 3) Will this set a precedent to allow "temporary insanity" to be a copy-out for murder?

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STUDENT VIEW

The Question

"How do you feel about the All College Committee's decision to reduce the Christmas vacation by one week?" *by Maureen Ford*



Julie Hoy 1987 Communications
I disapprove of the way they handled it. It affects the time I would have been working. Perhaps if the students were better informed they could arrange their work schedules.



Paul Moody 1985 Business Administration
I feel that the matter was handled inappropriately. It is the responsibility of the faculty and administration to correctly inform the students in regards to issues affecting their matriculation.



Steven Cote 1985 Undeclared
I think that it was a reaction to the needs of a minority of the students and was handled in too much of a hush hush manner.



Lloyd Sampson 1986 Communications
I feel that the reduced vacation period is detrimental to the needs of the working students.

To the Editors:

I am writing in response to the unreasonably short time given for FSC's winter break.

This year students are told that the college will open on Sunday, Jan. 13, 1985 and that spring classes begin on Monday, Jan. 14. In previous years, FSC hasn't opened until the following week, approximately Jan. 23. This means that we students will lose one week of valuable time.

Contrary to the students going home to kick their feet up, a good majority will go home to work. The money earned will probably go toward the upcoming tuition bill. However... unless students have old jobs to fall back on, most will not be able to work. What employer wants to hire someone for three weeks?

This is why it is unreasonable and outrageous to be given only three weeks of vacation time. I find it hard to understand the logic behind this ruling.

I urge the All College Committee to reconsider. Keep in mind that students unable to work during winter break may not have the money to return for spring semester.

Thank-you,
Cindy Paradis



Dear Editor, The new FSC Falcon suit cost a lot of money. Couldn't this money have been put to better use? How about putting the money to something useful?—such as a press box for our new division iii football program!
A Student's View.

Editorial

It used to be that a student from Fitchburg State spent four good years here, had fun, worked hard, graduated, got a good job, but had very little personal involvement in campus issues and activities.

Not this year! 1984-85 is going to be different—we can tell. Students are getting mad, they're getting upset, they're getting excited, they're getting involved! And they are getting things done.

We predict that very few are going to go over the heads of these people. Students can and are making a difference in what goes on here at FSC. The STROBE applauds and encourages this new enthusiasm and will do everything possible to see that it continues.

Calendar

I would like to know why one week of Christmas break has been stolen from us! I noticed on the Calendar that we go back Jan. 13, whereas last year we had until the 23rd. It may not matter to the teachers, but Christmas break is the only opportunity students have to work full time until the summer. That one extra week does make a difference to people who need the money.

I know the reaction of the ACC will be that because not enough students served on the committee we have no right to complain. The decision was made as part of a change in the teacher's contracts, and nothing can be done about it until the contracts come up for renewal in three years.

I think I speak for the entire student body in saying that we should have been consulted on this "decision," since it directly affects us. We should have been notified that the committee was discussing our Academic Calendar, so a voice from the student body could have been heard. No decision should be made without consulting the students first.

Pam Freedman

Help Fight the Arms Race

by Jayne M. Hines

Nuclear destruction isn't something that only affects small countries in South America that you can't even pronounce. It affects us, as college students. We should be knowledgeable about the reality of nuclear warfare. We are the next generation and we have to do something about this situation...now.

I see so many people on this campus dressed in B.D.U.'s and participating in the R.O.T.C. program, but few people standing up against the arms race. We simply don't have the knowledge. Nuclear plants are giving us energy now. What about 3 mile island? Who are we to bestow this legacy?

College students in the 60's protested nuclear warfare. They took political stands against war because they say it to be unjust. Their voices were heard. They made their views known. We are far too accepting of the present

situation. President Reagan has been quoted as jokingly making reference to war. On August 11, 1984, Reagan said, "My fellow Americans, I'm pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever...we will begin bombing in five minutes." Reagan is the only president in thirty years to have failed to negotiate an arms control agreement with the Soviet Union.

There would be no survivors in a nuclear war. It would be a total, worldwide devastation. Right now we have enough nuclear weapons to destroy the world many times over. If you too are also concerned, you can become active in putting an end to this meaningless arms race. E.N.D. (Eliminate Nuclear Destruction) will meet on Wednesday October 24 and November 7th in B-26 in the Hammond Building at 3:30.

Help fight the arms race. It's absurd not to!

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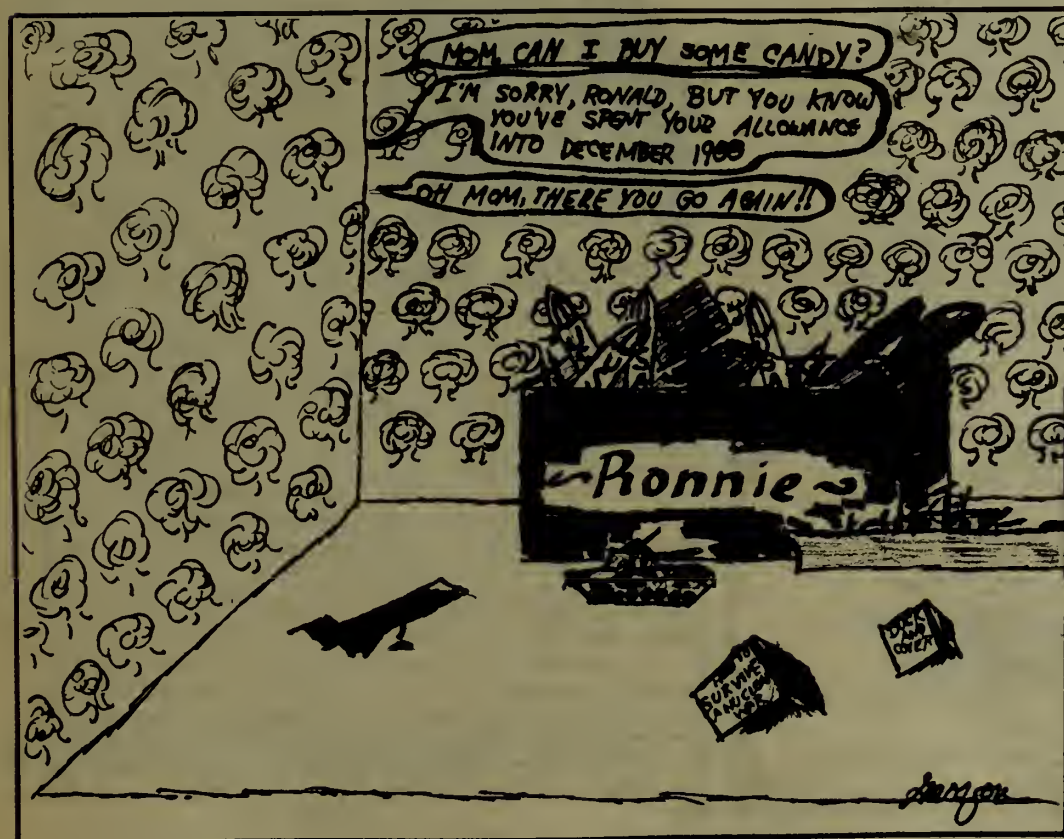
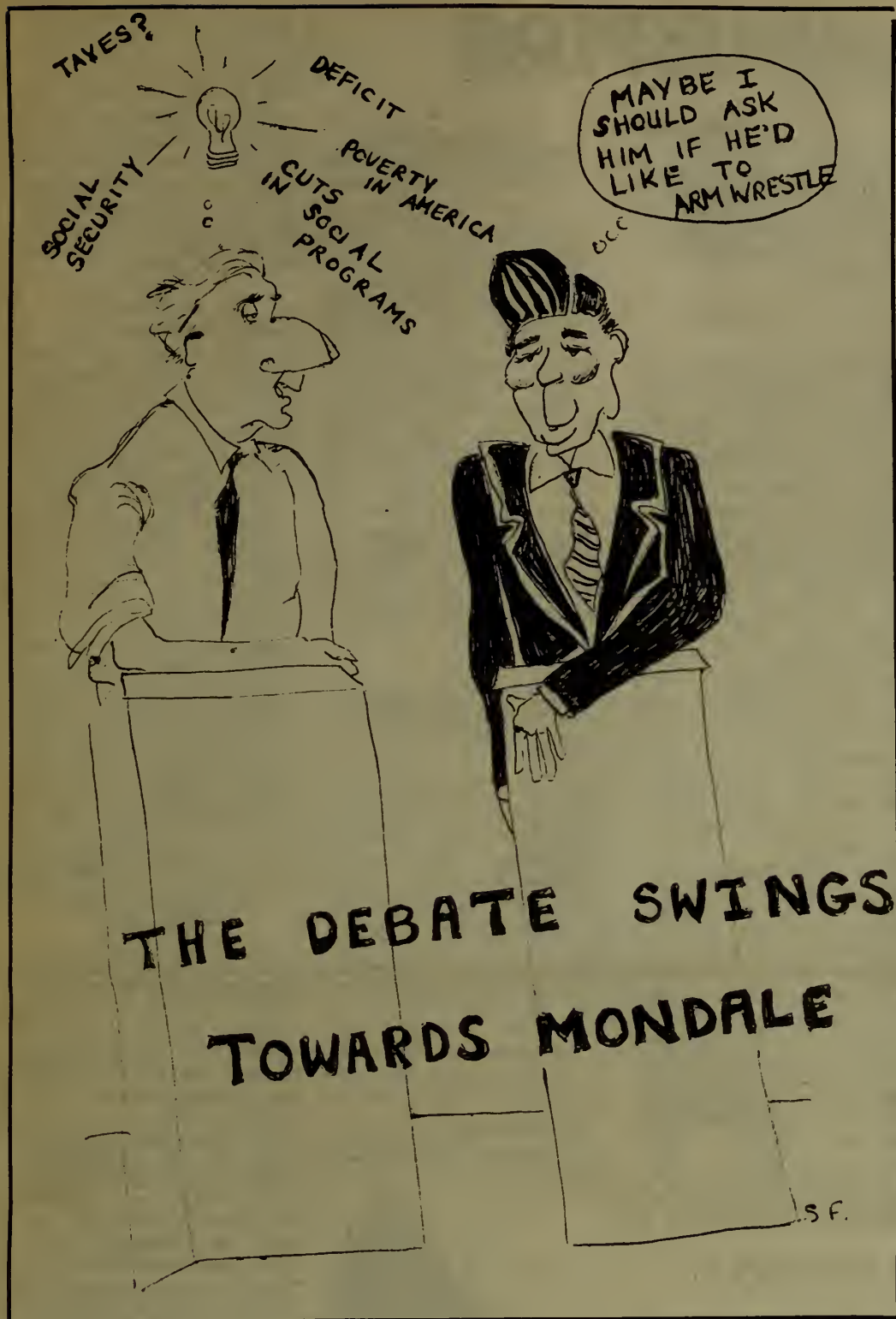
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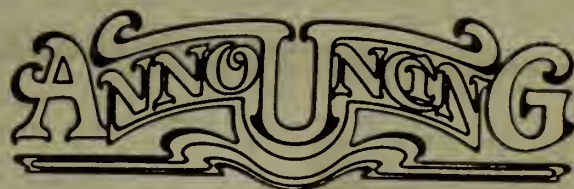
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FRESHMAN CLASS IS ON THEIR WAY

by Andrea Miner

On October 9 and 10, the freshman class elections were held. The campaign turnout was the best it's been in two years. Twenty-nine people took out nomination papers and twenty of them went on to run for office. The winners are as follows:
President: Eric Miclette
VI-President: Tracy Kusinitz
Treasurer: Christine Gradie
Secretary: Brenda Leger
Representatives:
Monique Joyce
Peter Pancare
Peter Kristo
Lori St. Hilaire

Commuter's Bd. Representative:
Pam Lemoine
Election Committee Chairperson, Roger Meyers, stated that turnout "was slightly less than I had anticipated, but about average." He also said that he felt "Eric Miclette will lead the class of 1988 quite effectively".
The Class of 1988's responsibilities for this upcoming year will include the "Winter Carnival" and the Spring Convocation Awards Ceremony as well as different fund-raising and uniting events.
Good Luck, Freshmen!!

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER FELLOWSHIPS

The National Research Council plans to award approximately 35 Postdoctoral Fellowships for Minorities in a program designed to provide opportunities for continued education and experience in research for American Indians and Alaskan Natives (Eskimo or Aleut), Black Americans, Mexican Americans/Chicanos, and Puerto Ricans. Fellows will be selected from among scientists, engineers, and scholars in the humanities who show greatest promise of future achievement in academic research and scholarship in higher education.
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by Sally Fortin

So you've seen our signs around the campus, or you've heard about us through your friends or a spokesperson. Now you'd like to know, what, or who, we are.

WHAT IS MASSPIRG?

MASSPIRG stands for Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group. Conceived by a group of Amherst students over six years ago, the organization's main aim has been to deal with the issues which affect students. Environmental and consumer problems have been foremost in the past. MASSPIRG has lobbied successfully for the Bottle Bill, the Lemon-law, and check clearing in banks, laws which benefit students as well as the state.

MASSPIRG is just one of a network of PIRgs, that exist nationwide. FLORIDAPIRG, NEW YORKPIRG., CALIFORNIAPIRG, are just a few others of the student based, non-profit, non-partisan PIRgs that represent this stealthy expanding force.

Many of the local staff members and volunteers of MASSPIRG feel that the state of Massachusetts offers a political environment quite conducive to the fostering of one of the strongest chapters in the country. Schools like U. Mass of Amherst, Boston College, Tufts, Framingham State and Clark University are just a few in the coalition. In several cases, like Worcester State, PIRg chapters have been implemented this year.

WHAT DO LOCAL CHAPTERS LIKE THE ONE HERE ON CAMPUS DO?

Most of the time PIRg's members on campuses, like the one here at Fitchburg State, are carrying out various projects which deal with environmental or consumer issues. Then, once in a while they may participate in state-wide or even nationwide conferences. A good example is the Annual Spring Conference at Amherst, where through workshop students get the opportunity to see and meet others concerned with worthwhile issues. Finally, PIRgs on the respective campuses do things like elect officers and hold meetings at which the various groups involved in projects, reports to the others their progress.

WHAT IS THE PIRG ON THIS CAMPUS GOING TO DO THIS YEAR?

Well last year PIRg launched its drive for Voter Registration which culminated on Fitchburg State's campus Oct. 6th, when local registrars registered over 127 students to vote in slightly over 2 hours. This represents a number to be proud of because in the past a large portion of the younger population seemed uninvolved in political processes. The Fitchburg Sentinel reported that, "Fitchburg State College students out numbered any other group at the registrars office on the last day of registration."

Also MASSPIRG started last fall, a campaign geared toward

the state legislature. MASSPIRG wishes to pass there, a bill called the Pollution Penalties Law. This four part bill, contains provisions for several measures designed to penalize industrial polluters who have been dumping illegally, and damaging the environment. This is an important project because as laws now exist they allow to great a leniency and attract violators.

JOIN PIRG NOW!

Voter Registration is over, but PIRg is planning a voter awareness week to follow their drive. No exact date has been set and all plans aren't finalized, but the week will most likely be the last of October. Plans for the rally include a table in G-Lobby at which Students and others on campus will find information on candidates, absentee ballots and related materials. On-going videotapes of the debates and current televised politically oriented talkshows and documentaries will also be on view. The whole idea, is to educate student voters on all the candidates and the issues they stand on. This service, PIRg hopes, will allow students to make wise decisions about important choices for the November 6th Presidential election.

Sally Fortin,
Chair Fitchburg MASSPIRG

p.s. HOW DO I JOIN THE PIRG?

Come to our general meetings which are usually held every other Wednesday (look for posters in G-lobby to tell you where) Or drop your name in our Mailbox #1047 and include your telephone number of box number so we can get back in touch with you. ps.s.

Even if you're not in PIRg, you may have some materials like pamphlets or printed messages if you belong to a political organization. Or maybe you might be campaigning for a local or national candidate. Well we could use any materials you have for our Voter Awareness tables. To get stuff admitted leave it in PIRg's Mailbox #1047, or if you have a lot of materials contact Sally Fortin through the same box.

Attention Environmentalists!

The Third Annual Environmental Conference for College Students is being held at Tufts University on October 27 and 28. This conference is a great opportunity for networking with other students, professors and professionals in the field. The topics covered will include Acid Rain, Alternative Energy Sources, Job Opportunities in the Environmental Field, and much more. There will also be a film and discussion panel on the Agent Orange Issue led by Anthony Lake, five-college professor of International Relations at Mount Holyoke College; Joseph Bangert, Vietnam Veteran; and Carol Robb, social ethicist and professor in the Study of Religion Program at UMass/Boston.

The conference fee is \$35 which includes all conference materials, continental breakfast and luncheon on Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Mary Beth Carver at 628-5000 ext. 2811 for information and registration.

THE FENWICK SOCIETY

Our society would like to extend their welcome to the new freshmen and to the new students at Fitchburg State College. We would like to thank the people who came to our last three Civic Center parties. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

We also have many more parties for the future. The parties will be on Thursday nights and they will be held at the Tamarac Club.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate the new sisters of the Neasylon's. Hope you all have a great first semester.

Sincerely,
The Fenwick Society



Gavaleer News

Welcome back to FSC! Hope your studies are going as well as your social life. The Thursday after Halloween there will be a Halloween costume party with \$200 in prize money. There will include a \$100 prize for the best costume, \$30 for the biggest costume, and \$30 for the smallest costume (girls be creative)! There will also be a tee shirt give-away, and a free season pass to the Mohawk Club. Admission will be \$3 and if there are any questions just ask a Gavaleer for details.

We thank you all for making the Mohawk Club the success that it's been and we hope to see you there every Thursday night!

WHO:
You and the President

WHAT:
General Topics of Interest

LOCATION:
President's Conference Room

TIME:
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

DATE:
Nearly Every Monday

A.I.D. AN ALTERNATIVE

by Joan Barnett

In 1973, F.S.C. founded The Alternative For Individual Development Program. (A.I.D.). A program designated for students who possess the inovation and academic potential to receive a college education, but have been denied this access due to environmental economic or educational disadvantages. The main functions of the A.I.D. program are recruitment, enrollment, retention, academic advising, and counseling of these students.

F.S.C. recently appointed Roseanna Penna Bowers, a Harwich high school grad as the new director of A.I.D. Program. She received a masters in Educational Administration from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. Ms. Bowers also participated in social issues, and Student Affairs from which she received a certificate for her professionalism in these areas. Working

with Ms. Bowers is Earselle Wilkerson who holds the position of a counselor.

As Director of A.I.D., Ms. Bowers is responsible for planning, organizing, and overall execution of the program. In addition, she provides services for minority students, and acts as a liason between the students and various college departments. On the other hand, the responsibilities of Wilkerson is to help the students gain expertise in particular areas which should enhance their proficiency in related academic courses.

For instance, reading, writing, spelling, mathematics, and study skills. In addition there is also extra curricular activities planned for the development of the student as a well-rounded individual. Experimental growth weekends, cultural activities, such as plays, concerts, noted speakers, etc. and other requested activities are part of this curriculum.

The A.I.D. and it's staff is there and is always willing to help any student that needs the support.

PLANNING TO MAKE BIG BUCKS

by John R. Jop

Plan now to make "big bucks" later. With the many fields in the Human Services major, the amount of money you make is unlimited. Prof. Donald Isaac, told Human Services majors at a recent meeting. "The key to how far you go depends on your desires and how you apply yourself."

Isaac cited opportunities in a variety of fields such as industry, family agencies, hospitals, correctional institutions, at the federal, state and local levels.

"Act like a professional while training," he said. "You will meet many important people at your practicum. The way you

get a job is usually by who you know, and the way you keep it is by what you know. After all, you never get a second chance to make a first impression."

He urged students to "start now by getting your mind in shape."

"The best way to do this is by taking each test and course seriously and excelling in each. Practice now and spell every word correctly, proof read and double check," Isaac asserted.

Equally important for success is don't limit your job search to the Northeast. The south and mid-west are growing, and there is desperate need for many services."

ATTENTION: PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS AND MINORS

The psychology club would like to announce some upcoming events. Generally, the purpose of the Club is to stimulate an interest in the field of psychology. We meet weekly in Percival Hall, room #4, at 1:30pm on Thursdays.

A sample of our activities includes a field trip to the New England Psychological Association. This year it is being held at Framingham State College on Saturday, October 20th. It is an excellent opportunity to see what professionals are currently doing in the field. Any interested persons should get in touch with the Club's president, Denise Moore, as soon as possible.

The psychology Club is also sponsoring John Parker as a guest speaker on Thursday, October 25th at 1:30pm in G-Lobby. Mr. Parker will speak about his masters degree in counselling, and current activities at Catholic charities. All are welcomed to attend this lecture.

Lastly, any patronage to our bake sale on October 30th, will be greatly appreciated. Our purpose is to raise funds for more trips, speakers, and other activities.

Please come and find out what the Psychology Club is all about. We are a very friendly informal club that always welcomes new faces.

GET SHOT!

ATTENTION SENIORS

Senior Portraits are being taken October 29 through November 2. Its not too late to sign up! Sign up at the information desk in the Hammond Building or stop down at the Yearbook Office during the week of October 29. This is the only scheduled sitting so don't miss out!!!!!!
Do your part for the Yearbook.



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TRICK or TREAT



STROBE SPORTS

“Spinning my Wheels”

by Russ Barnes

- If Muhammad Ali isn't punch drunk then why is he starting to talk like Lester Hayes.
- Retiring Espo's number is the best move the Bruins have made since getting rid of Ken Hodge.
- Doug Flutie can and will play in the NFL.
- Ralph Houk will be a tough act to follow, but it was time for a change.
- I'm tired of waiting till next year with the Red Sox.
- Can you imagine a Celtic roster without Maxwell and Henderson?
- Remember Jim Burton?
- I wonder what Billy Martin would look like in a Red Sox uniform.
- The best part of summer; Henderson stealing the ball.
- BEAT L.A.
- Will Ken Simms ever reach his potential?
- It takes the WAVE about 30 seconds to get around Fenway Park.
- Joan Benoit is one tough individual.
- Dennis Eckersley has to be the happiest man in baseball.
- But I feel sorry for Bill Buckner.
- The Bruins should have drafted Brian Bellows.
- What is Chuck Fairbanks doing now? Who cares.
- Yaz as manager? Well Rose is doing it.
- #33 - All World or What?
- The Patriots need Camarillo, he was the best player on the team.
- Red Auerbach should come out of retirement and run all the Boston sports team.
- Instead of traveling to Orange Bowl the Patriots should just mail in the score.
- Monday Night Football just isn't the same without Howard.
- I find it hard to watch the Raiders because if Jim Plunkett doesn't win it with his arm, then Mike Haynes wins it with his defense.
- Is Maxwell worth more than McHale?
- Ralph and Akeem together—#00 "Parish" the thought.
- Mary Lou Retton was incredible, but then again so were the Olympics.
- The Soviets missed on hell of a party in Los Angeles.
- I would love to see Normand Leveille skate again.
- The Breakers should never have left Boston.
- I'll take Bird over Magic any day.
- Marvin Hagler would crush Thomas Hearns.
- Tony Armas is my Red Sox MVP.
- I wonder if Tommy Heinsohn still thinks that James Worthy was the MVP.
- How good is Roger Clemens?
- The Bruins are due for a Championship.
- I'd rather listen to Bill Russell's laugh than Tommy Heinsohn's constant chattering.
- Why does Jim Brown hate Franco Harris so much?
- I wonder if Bob Uecker ever get in the front row?



Wanted: Baseball Coaches

by R. Levy

As of this writing, the positions of head baseball coach, assistant coach, and softball coach was still up in the air. Adds were placed in three area newspapers, The Boston Globe, The Worcester Telegram and Gazette, and the Fitchburg Sentinel requesting the need for these positions. The closing date for all the applications was October 12, when at this time, the applications will be looked over and discussed thoroughly. One of the reasons the baseball team is without a coach, like our beloved Red Sox, is because of the old coaches personal reasons. Coach Mike Mazzochi left for an administration job at Timerlain High School in New Hampshire, while Asst. Coach Jim Watson left for personal reasons. Hopefully, a coach will be named soon so the Falcons can get to work on what will hopefully be a successful season.

1984 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Cross Country: Men

Tues., Oct. 30	IC 'A's	Away
Sat., Nov. 3	New England-ALL	Away
Sat., Nov. 10	NCAA Div. III Qualifying	Away
Sat., Nov. 17	NCAA Championship	Away
Head Coach: Martin Sivula		

Cross Country: Women

Sat., Oct. 27	New Englands	Away
Sat., Nov. 3	E.C.A.C. Regional Championships	Away
Sat., Nov. 10	NCAA Qualifier—Div. III	Away
Brandeis Univ.		
Sat., Nov. 17	NCAA Championships,	Away
Cleveland, Ohio		
Head Coach: James Jellison		

Football

Sun., Oct. 28	University of Lowell, 1:30pm	Home
Sat., Nov. 3	Central Conn. State College, 1:00pm	Home
Sat., Nov. 10	State Univ. of New York—Stoney Brook: Stoney Brook NY 1:00pm	Away
Head Coach: David Secino		

Soccer

Thurs., Oct. 25	Western New England College 3:30pm	Home
Head Coach: Malcolm MacPherson		

Volleyball

Tues., Oct. 23	Gordon College 7:00pm	Home
Thurs., Oct. 25	Framingham State College, Framingham, MA, 7:00pm	Away
Tues., Oct. 30	Worcester State College, 7:00pm	Home
Thurs., Nov. 1	Southeastern Mass. Univ. & Stonehill College: North Easton, MA 6:30pm	Away
Sat., Nov. 3	MAIAW	Away
Tues., Nov. 6	Salem State College, Salem, MA 7:00pm	Away
Head Coach: Bob Murray		



Photo by Kevin Moylan

BridgeWater State Downs FSC

by R. Barnes

On October 3rd the girls volleyball team played host to BridgeWater State in the Parkinson Gym. BridgeWater came into the game with a 4-4 record, while FSC entered the contest with a record of 5-7.

In game #1, BridgeWater State, the 1983 Mass. State College Athletic Conference Champions, broke out to a quick 7-11 lead before Coach Bob Murray could call a time out to break the Bridgewater momentum. FSC began to fight back with Angela Badger serving. The gap closed to 7-4 on a nice play by Amy Carpinella. BridgeWater, however, regained its serve and increased its lead to 12-4 and it looked as if BridgeWater was going to win game 1 going away. After another FSC time-out, Nancy DiMattei put away a spike to narrow the BridgeWater lead to 12-5 and a Patty Bryant serving ace made it 12-6. FSC was on a roll and BridgeWater called a time-out to stem the tide, but it didn't help. Behind the serving of Patty Bryant FSC ran off 5 straight points and FSC trailed by only one, 12-11. After another time out BridgeWater regained the serve and increased its lead to 13-11, but thats as far as BridgeWater went. Linda Couto had a service ace to close the gap to 13-12. FSC then tied the game on a nice play by Amy Carpinella. The Falcons then took their first lead of the game 14-13, as BridgeWater was called for a lift. The girls then completed their come from behind victory 15-13, as they forced BridgeWater into too many hits.

In game -, FSC went ahead 3-0 by showing good communication and teamwork, yet BridgeWater answered quickly by making it 3-2. Coach Murray called a time out to regroup his team, but BridgeWater surged ahead 4-3. FSC fought back to tie the score on an Angela Badger service ace, but this would be as close as they would

come. Five unanswered points by Bridgewater made the score 9-4, and FSC was in trouble. With Patty Bryant serving Fitchburg began to fight back. A service ace made the score 9-5 and a nice spike by Mary Sprang made it 9-6. BridgeWater then called a time out to stop the rally and then came back to increase its lead to 10-6. FSC, however, regained its serve and Amy Carpinella made a fine hustle play to make the score 10-7. With the game slipping away BridgeWater regrouped and regained the serve running off 5 straight points to win the game 15-7. After two games the match was tied at 1-1.

Fitchburg led early in game #3, 5-1, as they took advantage of BridgeWater's missed serves and lack of communication. BridgeWater once again showed its composure by fighting back and running off 8 straight points, taking a 9-5 lead. Fitchburg regained its serve and a nice spike by Nancy DiMattei made the score 9-6, but BridgeWater scored 3 consecutive points to increase its lead to 12-6. FSC began to mount a comeback as 2 quick points cut the margin to 4, but an Amy Carpinella foot fault ended the attack. BridgeWater took advantage of this opportunity and went on to win the game 15-8.

In Game #4, Fitchburg being down 2 games to 1, was in a must win situation. Early action featured many side-outs as both teams exchanged serves without getting points. BridgeWater eventually forged ahead 4-1 but FSC closed the margin to 4-2, and a service ace by Linda Couto made the score 4-3. BridgeWater answered quickly by advancing its lead to 5-3, but Nancy "Kid Dino" DiMattei's nailing spike made it 5-4. With Fitchburg tiring the explosive BridgeWater team scored 8 points in a row and they were in command, 13-4. However Fitchburg refused to go down easily and they fought back. A nice play by Carpinella and another spike by DiMattei made the score 13-6. FSC then closed the gap to 5 points as BridgeWater began to panic. BridgeWater called a time out to regroup and they cam back to notch their 14th point. It was at this time Fitchburg got tough. With Nancy DiMattei serving, FSC tightened the lead to 14-9 but they could get no closer. Finally on BridgeWater's eighth service the win was clinched. Final score 15-9.

BridgeWater took the match 3 games to 1. The girls next home game will be against Worcester State College on October 30th at 7:00 pm.

Intramural Soccer Standings

	(Men)		
	Wins	Losses	Points
Benny's	4	0	8
Eso's	4	2	8
Mission from Burma	3	2	6
Re - Caps	3	2	6
Kickballs	3	2	6
Hackers	2	4	4
Seagram 6's	0	4	0